

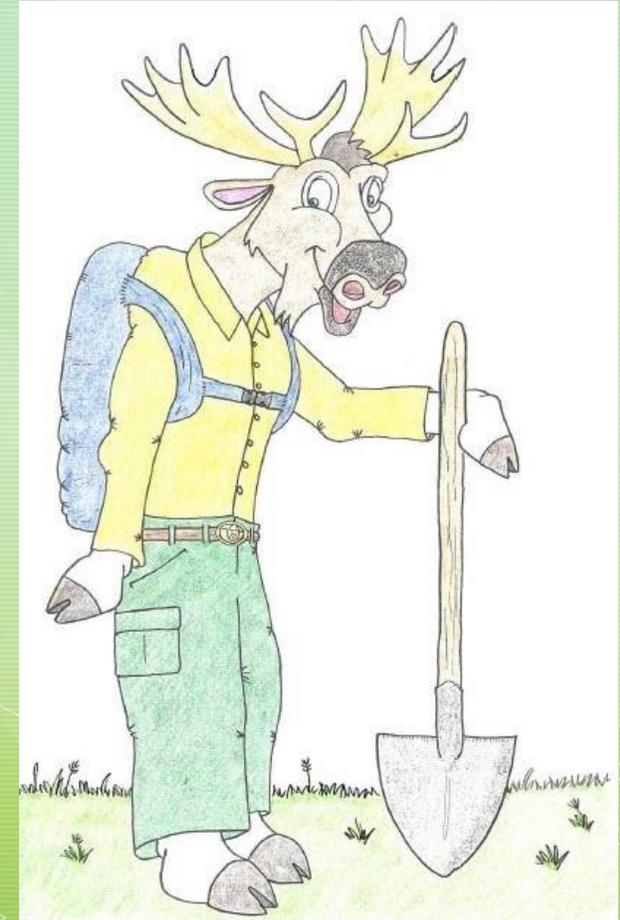
State of Alaska Division of Forestry

▶ “Take Time to
LEARN
Before You Burn”



What is the “Take Time To LEARN Before You Burn” Campaign?

▶ Campaign?



Timelines

Regulations:

- June 2018:** House Bill 355 is approved by the Alaskan Legislature
- July 2018:** Work begins on drafting new regulations and bail schedule
- January 1, 2019:** Newly adopted Statutes under AS 41.15 come into effect
- February 2019:** Draft regulations go out for public comment
- March 2019:** Public comment period closed and recommendations for changes made
- April 2019:** Final Regulations packet submitted to Dept of Law for review
- May 2019:** Final regulations packet submitted to Lt. Governor's office for signature and filing
- June 2, 2019:** Regulations under 11 AAC 95 fully adopted

Bail Schedule:

- May 2019:** Draft Bail Schedule submitted to Alaska Supreme Court for review and approval
- June 2, 2019:** Bail schedule fully adopted

Updated Small Scale Burn Permit

Old Permit - Exterior

New Permit - Exterior

General Burn Permit Division of Forestry Instructions for Safe and Legal Burning

Issued by authority of Rick Jandreau
Burn Advisory Number: 907-761-6312
The permittee shall have this permit in his/her possession at all times while burning and shall display it upon request to any duly authorized agent of the Commissioner.

Note: For portions of the year when permits are not required, burns must still be conducted in a safe manner subject to Alaska Statutes 41.15.090 through 41.15.120.

This permit is issued under authority of AS 41.15.050 and AS 41.15.060 of the Public Resource Statutes governing the establishment of fire season and regulations of burn permits. This permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked at any time. Permittee agrees to hold the state harmless from any claim or damage caused by negligent acts or omissions.

Note: For larger burns a special permit is required. Please call your Division of Forestry office several days before you plan to burn, leave your name and number, and a Prevention Officer will return your call.

WILLFUL OR NEGLIGENT DISREGARD OF THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT CONSTITUTES AN ILLEGAL ACT AND MAKES YOU CRIMINALLY LIABLE. This permit does not relieve the permittee from responsibility for damage from an escaped fire.

Permit Expires: Every December 31st of the year.

I have read and understand the above permit including the Safe Burning Requirements.

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(Print name)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(Signature - Required)	(Date)
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(Physical burn location)	

Important: You must call the Burn Permit Advisory line before burning:

907-761-6312

SAFE BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Burning is authorized subject to the following:

- No burning during windy periods. Check your local area conditions by phone or <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>
- Construct a firebreak 10 ft. wide down to mineral soil around the pile to be burned before lighting the fire.
- At least 1 adult must attend the fire at all times until the burning pile is completely out.
- When preparing to burn a lawn, mow the area, rake it, and wet down the outer 8 ft. perimeter.
- At least 3 adults must be present for a lawn burn.
- You must have sufficient tools and water at the site to control the fire.
- Do not burn piles or burn barrel within 30 ft. of structures or under utility lines. For burn barrel requirements, see diagram on page 2.
- No burning is allowed of any substance which creates black smoke, toxic gases, or odors which affect nearby persons.
- Call the number listed for the Division of Forestry for the latest area burn advisory.

If there is a wildland fire emergency, call 911 immediately

Alaska Division of Forestry Mat-Su Area

General Burn Permit
Burn Permits are required from
April 1 thru August 31

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907-761-6312

Mat-Su Area Forestry Office
101 Airport Road
Palmer, AK 99645

Prevention Office:
907-761-6305



For more information, visit our website:
forestry.alaska.gov/burn

You are REQUIRED to call the Burn Permit Hotline before burning or if weather conditions become hotter, drier or windy
907-883-1413 ext. 2303

This permit is issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry as authorized by AS 41.15.010 (protection from wildland fire), 41.15.050 (fire season) and 41.15.060 (permits).

This burn permit may be denied, suspended or revoked by an authorized employee of the Alaska Division of Forestry. 11 AAC 95.430 (Denial, suspension, or revocation of permit).

The permittee shall sign this permit and possess it while burning and shall display it upon request. 11AAC 95.422 (Permit requirements).

Non-compliance with this permit may lead to a fine or criminal prosecution. This permit does not relieve the permittee from civil or criminal liability for damages resulting from an unpermitted burn or escaped fire.

This permit is valid thru December 31st of the year issued

I have read and understand the conditions and requirements of this permit.

(Print Name)

(Signature-Required) _____
(Date)

(Physical Burn Location)

CAMPING, COOKING AND WARMING FIRES

A campfire not more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height or a commercially manufactured outdoor burning device does NOT require a burn permit.

LARGE SCALE BURN PERMITS

To burn a brush pile larger than ten feet in diameter and four feet in height; more than one pile at a time; or undertaking burning more complex than allowed under this permit, you must contact the nearest Alaska Division of Forestry Fire Prevention Office listed on the front of this permit, either by phone or in person, to request information about obtaining a Large Scale Burn Permit 11 AAC 95.416 (Large Scale burn permits).

COMMON BURNING VIOLATIONS

- Burning during adverse weather conditions (hot, dry, windy) or during a burn permit suspension or burn closure.
- Failure to possess a valid burn permit.
- Burning that exceeds the scope of the permit.
- Burning materials that emit black smoke, obnoxious odors or toxic fumes. Examples may include plastic, rubber, vinyl, animal waste/carcasses, household garbage, waste oil, etc.
- Failure to clear the ground around a campfire, brush pile or burn barrel.
- Leaving a fire unattended or not fully extinguishing a fire until it is cold to the touch.

The Wildland Fire Protection Statutes and Regulations can be found at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/>

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SMALL SCALE BURN PERMIT

Required from April 1st - August 31st

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Tok Area Forestry
Fire Prevention Office
Box 10
Mile 123 Tok Cutoff
Tok, AK 99780
907-883-1400

For information visit:
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/>

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Updated Small Scale Burn Permit

Old Permit - Interior

Camping and Warming Fires

- Campfires or warming fires NOT over 3 ft. in diameter do not need a burn permit.
- Clear an area around your campfire and keep enough water nearby to put out the fire.

Burn Barrels (New Changes)

- A General Burn Permit is required when burning in a burn barrel as burn barrels are included under burn suspensions and burn closures.
- You are only allowed to burn paper, untreated wood, and organic debris in your burn barrel.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation away to 6 ft. on all sides of your burn barrel.

Pile Burning

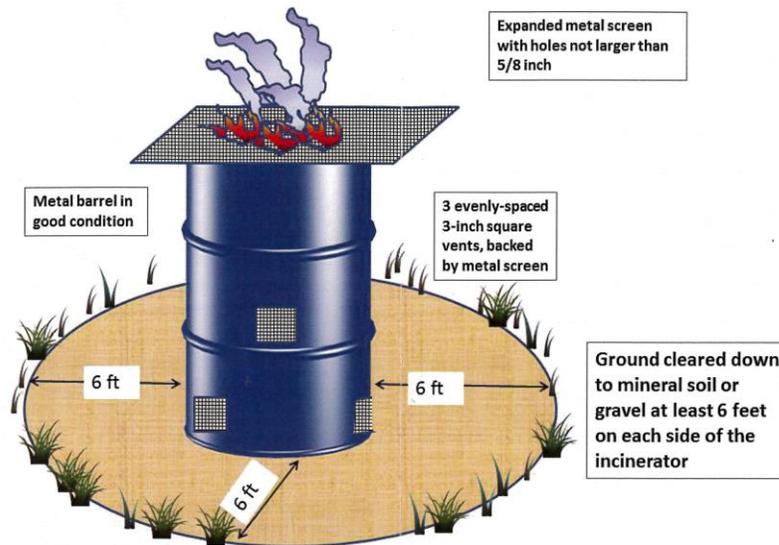
- At least 1 adult must immediately attend the fire until the burn pile is completely out and cold to the touch.
- Only burn 1 single debris pile at a time with a pile 10 ft. in diameter or less and no more than 4 ft. tall. Keep the pile small and manageable, feeding the pile as you burn.
- Burn pile must contain only untreated, unpainted wood and organic material.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation 10 ft. on all sides of your pile and must be 30 ft. away from structures and not under utility lines.
- You must have at least one hand tool and sufficient water on site to control the fire.

Lawn Burns

- You are allowed to burn up to one acre of mowed lawn or grass less than 4 inches in height.
- Rake up excess grass clippings and wet down the outer 8 ft. perimeter.
- At least 3 adults must be present with at least one hand tool per person.
- Have sufficient water on site to control the fire.

Large-Scale Burns

- If you plan on clearing land and burning anything larger than a 10 ft. diameter debris pile you must call the Division of Forestry to apply for large-scale permit.
- Request an appointment for a Prevention Officer to come out and inspect before you conduct a large-scale burn.



Common mistakes that lead to violations

- Leaving a fire unattended.
- Not checking online and or listening to the burn advisory line.
- Not having a General Burn Permit on scene and following safe burning requirements.
- Not having a properly cleared perimeter.
- Debris burning or burning in burn barrels during a suspension or burn closure.
- Burning illegal materials that create black smoke: plastics, garbage, rubber, Styrofoam, insulation, asbestos, and painted or treated wood products.

New Permit - Interior

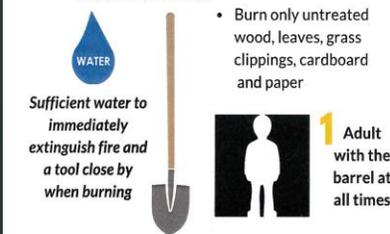
BURN BARREL REQUIREMENTS

55 Gallon Barrel

- Circular, outdoor metal drum, in good condition, with no more than a 55 gallon capacity
- Metal mesh cover on top in good condition, with mesh openings no larger than 5/8"
- At least three evenly spaced 3" square holes covered with metal mesh along the bottom
- Situated on top of non-burnable materials



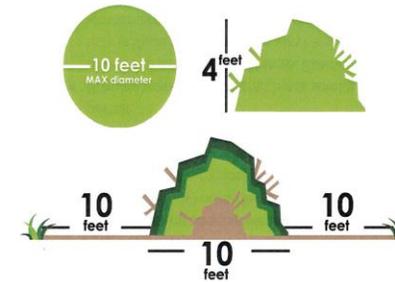
- At least 6 feet of ground cleared to mineral soil extending to all sides of the barrel
- Stay with the barrel until completely out and cold to the touch



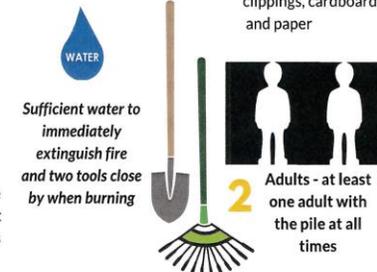
SMALL PILE BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Pile Specifications

- Only ONE pile burning at a time
- Max ten foot diameter and four foot height



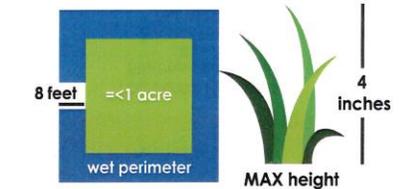
- At least 10 feet of ground cleared to mineral soil extending to all sides of the pile
- Stay with the pile until completely out and cold to the touch



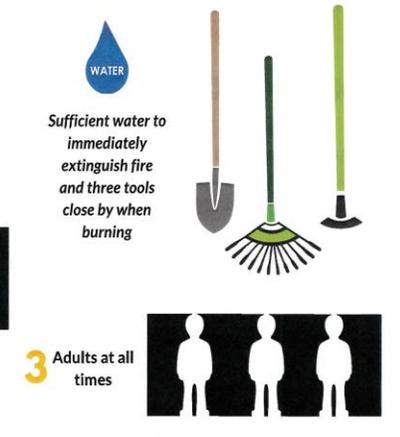
LAWN BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Lawn Specifications

- Maintained lawn
- Max one acre and four inches in height



- Maintain an 8 foot wet perimeter on the ground around the burn at all times
- Stay with the lawn until completely out and cold to the touch



Do not burn within 30' of structures and power lines

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Distinguishing colors



Pre-burning requirements vary



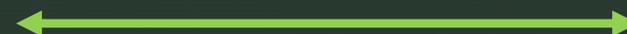
Prevents Statewide permit from being used where there are local requirements



Contact information varies



Additional information varies



DOF Statewide Permit

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All permitted burning is prohibited during hot, dry or windy conditions or if a burn closure is in effect



This permit is only valid on State, municipal or private lands where burning may not be subject to other Federal, State or local laws and regulations that are more restrictive.

For information regarding burn permit requirements or burning conditions contact your nearest Division of Forestry Office:

Copper River:	907-822-5534
Delta:	907-895-2108
Fairbanks:	907-451-2629
Kenai-Kodiak:	907-260-4260
Mat-Su:	907-761-6305
McGrath:	907-524-3010
Statewide Office:	907-761-6230
Tok:	907-883-1400

For more information, visit:
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/>
<https://fire.ak.blm.gov>

Updated 11 AAC 95

11 AAC 95.422 Permit Conditions (formerly 11 AAC 95.420)

- Clear definition to:
 - permit minimum requirements
 - what the permit holders must adhere to
 - permit holder responsibility to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws and regulations

11 AAC 95.430 Denial, suspension or revocation of permit

- Expands the Divisions authority to deny, suspend or revoke burn permits

11 AAC 95.460 Public Notice

- Updated to include the internet for notifications

11 AAC 95.470 Environmental control

- Removed general references to 18 AAC 60, Solid Waste Regulations and 18 AAC 50, Air Quality Control Regulations
- Replaced to clearly specify only permitted burning allowed under 18 AAC 50.056(b),(c) and(d), Air Quality Regulations
- Enforceable during permit season only if imminent threat to wildland. Outside info is forwarded to DEC

11 AAC 95.495 Definitions (formerly 11 AAC 95.900)

- Clear definition of an “approved burning device”, “burn barrel”, “forested land”, etc.

Wildland Fire Prevention Program Changes



- **“Take the Time to LEARN Before You Burn” WUI granted awarded (\$270k)**
 - **Multi year statewide public education campaign directed at promoting a variety of resource and wildland fire prevention focused programs including: Firewise, RSG, HB 355, Stewardship, Spruce bark beetles, permitted burning and newly adopted laws, regulations and bail schedule.**
 - **Focus is a 10% annual decrease in Human Caused wildfires (per 1,000 residents) in DOF WUI protection areas over the course of a four-year period beginning in 2019.**
- **Extensive updates to Wildland Fire Prevention Policies and Procedures**
- **Extensive updates to the Small and Large scale permitted burning programs including the website**
- **Development of new enforcement/investigation policies and Wildland Fire Prevention Enforcement training course.**

Questions?

